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LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and break the sound barrier continued over the period 1 to 10 February 1995.

1 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 0936 and 1022 hours on 1 February 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier at low altitude over Nasiriyah and Basra.

2 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Samawah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Shinafiyah and Artawi.

At 1135 and 1450 hours on 2 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1205 and 1527 hours.

3 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 63 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Salman, Amarah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

4 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabaish, Busayyah, Artawi and Qal'at Sukkar.

At 1300 hours on 4 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1410 hours.

At 1745 hours on 4 February 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier at low altitude over Nasiriyah in Dhi Qar Governorate.

5 February 1995

Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

At 1222 hours on 5 February 1995, United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1319 hours.

At 1026 hours, on 5 February 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over Nasiriyah in Dhi Qar Governorate.

6 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shinafiyah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1100 and 1400 hours on 6 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1305 and 1610 hours.

7 February 1995

Southern region: 87 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Samawah, Shinafiyah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

At 1250 hours on 7 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1345 hours.

8 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1120 hours on 8 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1235 hours.

9 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Khidr, Artawi, Qurnah and Jalibah.

10 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil, Aqrah, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1250 and 1530 hours on 10 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1355 and 1615 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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